



# Geographies of Rising and Declining Powers

A third year  
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# Outline

This module examines the relative economic performance of the main world regions, with a focus on comparative historical and contemporary economic performance and political dynamics in the United Kingdom, United States, and China.

It draws on geographic and political economic theories to explain geographies of wealth, poverty and power and explores the social, political and cultural foundations of economic life.

Students will study the main drivers of change, situating this within a wider context of globalisation, environmental and technological change and increasing economic and political interdependence.

# Learning objectives

- Demonstrate a systematic understanding of the main characteristics of relative economic growth and decline.
- Recognise, synthesise and critically evaluate evidence relating to the geographies of wealth, poverty and power.
- Demonstrate a critical awareness of the social, political and cultural foundations of economic life.
- Demonstrate an ability to present and interpret numerical and qualitative indicators of relative economic performance.
- Identify and critically assess the geographical variability of economic life and wealth creation.

# Teaching Method and Assessments

Classes are taught in the form of a weekly seminar, which will typically include an interactive lecture, group discussion, and student presentation components. The focus will typically be on understanding historical events in relation to key social and economic theoretical concepts – and vice versa.

## Assessment:

40% = 2,000 word essay

60% = 3,000 word essay

If you have any questions about the module, feel free to email the convenor Daniel Haberly at [D.Haberly@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:D.Haberly@sussex.ac.uk)

# Some Recommended Readings:

